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1. NORTH ETA AUGUST 12 VIA PAA 107, REED HOTEL. WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY THROUGHOUT VISIT.  
2. DURING DISCUSSION WITH NORTH COULD NOT DETERMINE EXTENT OF PROGRAM INFO INTO WASHINGTON. BECAUSE HE SOMEWHAT VAGUE AND REFTEL REFERRED TO DIFFICULTY "OTHER GRANT DETAILS" REPEAT HEREWITH GIST OF DISCUSSION.

3. NORTH WISHES OBSERVE TWO ASPECTS OF PRESS AND BROADCAST JOURNALISM (1) ECONOMIC/TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON JOURNALISTS AND JOBS IN PRESS, RADIO AND TV. (2) LEGAL, POLICY AND EDITORIAL ISSUES SUCH AS LEGAL CONSTRAINT ON PRESS, ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, CLOSED SHOP FOR JOURNALISTS, INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. (1) MORE IMPORTANT THAN (2) AND PRESS MORE IMPORTANT THAN RADIO/TV.

4. NORTH SEEMS VERY OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS. HE HAS BEEN DISCUSSING US PRESS WITH UK JOURNALISTS DURING VISIT HERE AND MAY COME IN WITH ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS. AT PRESENT HIS IDEAS ARE TO OBSERVE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AT BALTIMORE SUN, WASHINGTON POST, UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON STAR, DAYTONA NEWS AND HOUSTON CHRONICLE IN

FLORIDA, DETROIT NEWS, CHICAGO TRIBUNE,  
WALL STREET JOURNAL, PRHAPS SAN ANTONIO TRIBUNE, AND  
MAGAZINE PRINTING/PUBLISHING IN PHILADELPHIA.

5. HE ALSO RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO SUGGESTION HE  
VISIT MAJOR SUBURBAN NEWSPAPER SUCH AS NEWSDAY. HE  
WISHES INCLUDE WEST COAST (PRESS, RADIO/TV) IN LOS  
ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO AND HONOLULU BUT WE HAVE NO  
SUGGESTIONS BEYOND THE OBVIOUS, LOS ANGELES TIMES.

6. NORTH'S HAZY IDEAS ABOUT US SUGGEST BROAD  
INTRODUCTION NEEDED IN WASHINGTON, BEFORE GETTING  
DEEPLY INTO TECHNOLOGICAL/JOBS ISSUE. ALSO SUGGEST HE  
WOULD BENEFIT FROM UNHURRIED OBSERVATION OF ENTERPRISES  
SMALLER THAN MAJOR NATIONAL COMPANIES.

7. IN WASHINGTON, NORTH WISHES VISIT FCC (FOR RADIO/TV  
POLICY), AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD, AMERICAN NEWSPAPER  
PROPRIETORS ASSOC., PERHAPS INTERNATIONAL TYPOGRAPHERS  
ASSOC., HEADQUARTERS OF AP AND UPI. WISHES DISCUSS  
TECHNOLOGY/JOBS AND CURRENT EDITORIAL ISSUES. IF  
POSSIBLE WISHES SEE ED MCHALE, FORMER LABATT, MELBOURNE;  
JIM PETTUS USIH, ABE RUSKIN AFL-CIO NEWSPAPER.

8. NORTH'S BOTH DRIVE SHE ESPECIALLY EXPRESSED INTEREST  
IN TRAVEL BY AUTO WHEN CONVENIENT. ARE INTERESTED IN  
ANY "TRADITIONAL" SIGHTSEEING, AND "PERHAPS SWIMMING".  
THEY INTERESTED IN HOME HOSPITALITY WHICH WE RECOMMEND  
STRONGLY. IF SOME SPECIAL LABOR EVENT ON LABOR DAY FITS  
IN SCHEDULE WOULD BE WELCOME AND APPROPRIATE. FINALLY,  
SUGGEST FEW DAYS IN SMALLER CITY MIDDLE WEST USEFUL FOR  
ORIENTATION.

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